

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/796,349

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/08/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-13, 17 and 19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 60/453,146.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claim 4 is allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including: deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within a cash dispensing automated banking machine releasing force holding a stripping member adjacent a rotatable sheet picking member... moving a resilient tab portion integrally formed with the housing, releasing a force holding the picking member in engagement with a drive shaft.

The claim 12 is allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including: moving one end of a picker shaft of an automated banking machine currency note picker into operative engagement with a resilient biasing tab integral with and formed on an automated banking machine housing portion, wherein the movement causes the tab to move relative to the housing portion; and moving an opposite end of the picker shaft into operative engagement with a driveshaft, causing the picker shaft to be held in operative engagement with the drive shaft by a force of the tab biasing the picker shaft in a direction toward the drive shaft.

The claim 13 is allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including: moving a resilient biasing tab away from operative engagement with an end of a picker shaft...a portion of the tab is integral with and formed from an automated banking machine housing...wherein the movement causes releasing of a tab force holding an opposite end of the picker shaft in engagement with an end of a picker member drive shaft... subsequent to step (a), disengaging the picker shaft from engagement with the drive shaft.

The claim 17 is allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including: deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing of an automated banking machine wherein deforming the first leaf spring portion is operative to enable a stripping member positioned to be in adjacent relation with a rotatable picking member, which picking member when installed in the machine extends along a picking member axis, to be moved away from the picking member axis;

The claim 19 is allowable over the prior art of record because the teachings of the references taken as a whole do not show or render obvious the combination set forth, including: deforming a first leaf spring portion integrally formed on a housing within an automated banking machine, wherein deforming the first leaf spring portion is operative to enable a stripping member positioned to be in adjacent relation

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with a rotatable picking member installed in supporting connection with the housing and extending along a picking member axis...

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

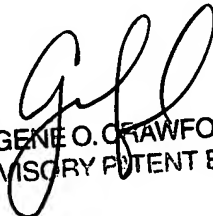
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rakesh Kumar whose telephone number is (517) 272-8314. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathy Matecki can be reached on (571) 272-6951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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